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## CRISP'S VICTORY

The Georgian Wins the Fight for the Speaker's Chair.

TOO MUCH FOR HIS RIVALS.

He Succeeds in Rounding Them Up Quite Cleverly on the Thirtieth Ballot.

Springer's Forces Won For the Georgian Because McMillan Went to Mills. Three Caucuses Yesterday Before a Result Was Reached—Kerr Chosen Unanimously For Clerk of the House. Other House Officers Nominated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Crisp has won the speakership fight. It took thirty ballots to decide it. The contest was a decidedly warm one. Since Saturday there has been a great hustling around, but it was impossible to break the columns of the various candidates. They were held well in line. It was not thought the contest would be settled yesterday. The caucus, which had adjourned Saturday at the close of



SPEAKER CRISP.

The seventeenth ballot, met promptly at 10 o'clock. Only two ballots were taken at this session, and they both resulted as follows: Crisp, 94; Mills, 90; Springer, 17; McMillan, 19; Hatch, 5; Stevens, 1. The caucus adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, as the members had to go to the organization of the house.

There was a great deal of electioneering in the interval between the two caucuses. At 2 o'clock the caucus met and began to ballot. There was no change until the twenty-second ballot, when one of Springer's men went to Mills and one of Mills' men from Louisiana went to McMillan. Then came the twenty-third ballot. Deamond and Cobb, two Hatch men voted for Mills.

Hatch Withdrawn. Mr. Hatch was hastily summoned to the hall of the house, where he announced his withdrawal and cast his vote for Judge Crisp. This action on the part of Mr. Hatch was received with great cheering by the Crisp men. Messrs. Byrnes and Wilson, of Missouri, (Hatch men) followed the example of their leader and voted for Crisp. Mr. Wheeler, of Alabama, changed his vote from Crisp to Mills, but when the Hatch men went to the Georgian, he came back into the Crisp fold. Another change was made on this ballot. Chively, of Indiana, and Stout, of Michigan, who had supported Springer, going over to Crisp, making the twenty-third ballot stand: Crisp, 100; Mills, 94; Springer, 18; McMillan, 19; Stevens, 1. Total, 237.

An earnest consultation between Mr. McMillan and his supporters followed the twenty-third ballot. Mr. McMillan impressed on his little band the strength of their united action, and it was agreed by the entire nineteen that they would stick to McMillan through thick and thin. Every effort was made by the other candidates to draw from McMillan, but without success or hope of success. "United we stand; divided we fall" was the slogan of the Tennessee supporters. The fact that they held the balance of power and the key to the situation. Springer's support was reduced to a dozen on the twenty-fourth ballot by the desertion of McMillan, and the vote was 100 to 137.

Three more ballots were taken without changing a single vote. A motion to take a recess was made just after the ending of the twenty-sixth, by a Springer man, but it was withdrawn before being put to a vote. A conference between the Springer and McMillan men failed of materializing results, and it became obvious that nothing could be done. A conference between the leaders of the four factions was held, and a decision reached that a recess should be taken. Accordingly Mr. Durbin, a supporter of Springer, moved that an adjournment be taken until 8 o'clock, and this was agreed to without opposition.

Springer Men Break.

Much active proselyting was done by the lieutenants of Mills and Crisp during the recess from 6 to 8 o'clock. There was no quorum at first call. The Springer men held a conference in a committee room, and there were conferences everywhere. When a quorum appeared and the call of names was proceeded with, in the result of the conference of the Springer men made itself plain by the desertion of Springer by Babitt and Miller, of Wisconsin, who went to Mills, and Durbin, who voted for Crisp. Capehart, of West Virginia, was prevented from attending the caucus by illness. Crisp now had 108 and Mills 90.

The Closing Acts.

The twenty-ninth ballot showed but one change—Stallmaker, of New York, deserting Mills for Crisp and so that vote stood: Crisp, 104; Mills, 94; Springer, 8; McMillan, 18; Stevens, 1. The most exciting incident of the day happened then. Before the calling of the roll on the thirtieth ballot was begun, Mr. McMillan, after a hasty consultation with some of his adherents, entered the chamber of the house and announced his withdrawal from the contest. The announcement came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky and for a moment the members present were taken back. Mr. Mc-

Millin made his announcement in a speech of about five minutes. He said he was leaving the contest, partly harmony. The McMillin men divided between the two leaders—seven going to Crisp and eleven to Mills. Mr. McMillin also voted for Mills and he was loudly applauded by the Crisp's followers. When the last name had been called, it was found that Crisp had 113 votes—lacking one of the nomination. Before the result of the ballot was announced, Mr. Springer, who had been waiting in the lobby entered the caucus and called out to Chairman Holman: "I desire to have my name called."

Pandemonium Reigned Supreme.

This was the signal for an outburst of applause and when the clerk had called Mr. Springer's name and he had responded "I vote for Charles C. Crisp," the Crisp men broke loose in one wild unrestrained yell. They mounted on desks and chairs and yelled at the top of their voices. Books, handkerchiefs and pieces of paper were thrown into the air and for a few minutes pandemonium reigned supreme. Crisp then hugged each other in joy and shouted out words of congratulation that were lost in the wild uproar of voices. Out in the ante-room of the committee on appropriations, where Judge Crisp was sitting, surrounded by supporters who were not members, the news was brought with the shout of the crowd outside the lobby door. Cheer after cheer went up from the crowd and it was taken up by those inside the Crisp headquarters. Judge Crisp took the news of his election quietly. The withdrawal of Mr. Springer caused some change in the vote that was about to be announced. Four of Mr. Springer's supporters—Bryap, of Nebraska, Snow of Illinois, and Martin and Patton of Indiana—allowed their names to stand recorded in favor of Mr. Springer, but Messrs. Bussey and Steward of Illinois and Holman of Indiana voted for Crisp.

On motion of Mr. J. D. C. Brown, of Indiana, the nomination of Mr. Crisp was made unanimous.

Mr. Crisp made a speech which was well received. In the course of his speech Judge Crisp declared that his election was not a menace to tariff reform; that no person wanted it more than he.

Other House Officers.

Ex-Congressman Kerr, of Pennsylvania, was placed in nomination for clerk. There were no other candidates named and he was nominated by acclamation. The remainder of the ticket agreed upon is as follows: For sergeant-at-arms, ex-Congressman Turner, of New York City; for chaplain, Rev. Mr. Millburn.

THE NEW SPEAKER.

Points of the Career of the Man Who Won a Very Hard Fight.

Judge Crisp was born Jan. 29, 1845, in Sheffield, England, while his parents were there on a visit. He was brought to this country the year of his birth, his parents going to Georgia. He served as a lieutenant in the Confederate army during the war; was taken prisoner in 1864 and confined in Fort Delaware. After practicing law in Ellaville, Ga., for several years he was appointed solicitor general of the southwestern judicial district in 1873 and reappointed in 1878 for four years. He served as judge of the superior court of the same circuit from 1879 to 1889, when he was elected to congress from the Third Georgian district. He was re-elected to the Fifty-first and Fifty-second congress without opposition. Judge Crisp's most marked characteristics are his good nature, cool-headedness and extreme affability, for which he is noted.

Democratic Moguls in Council.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The executive committee of the National Democratic convention convened today. Much interest centers in its action. The date for the meeting of the full committee will be ordered by the executive committee. Washington will unquestionably be selected as the place in which to hold the convention. The committee is composed of M. F. Tappan of California, Samuel P. Hays of Florida, John H. Estlin of Georgia, Erskine M. Phelps of Illinois, J. J. Richardson of Iowa, Charles P. Blair of Kansas, Kentucky, Arthur Sewell of Maine, Arthur P. Gorman of Maryland, C. M. Barnes of Michigan, Michael Doran of Minnesota, John G. Prather of Missouri, A. W. Fall of New Hampshire, Miles Ross of New Jersey, Lieutenant Governor-elect William F. Sheehan of New York, M. Ransom of North Carolina, C. S. Brice of Ohio, Pennsylvania, vacancy; Rhode Island, vacancy; South Carolina, vacancy; P. Loney of Tennessee, Hiram Atkins of Vermont, John S. Barbour of Virginia, J. N. Camden of West Virginia, John T. Mitchell of Wisconsin, Chairman, C. S. Brice; secretary, S. H. Sherrin.

At His Thirty Quills.

GRAYSON, Ky., Dec. 8.—A. F. Webb, merchant and postmaster at Webbville, this county, has just finished a letter to the United States and says for thirty consecutive days, and says he could have gone on eating for forty days. He ate them fried.

CALLAGHAN HAS A PICNIC.

He Makes Short Work of the American Boy—Nimble as a Kitten.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Some 500 of New York's best paying patrons of prize ring affairs assembled at a resort not far from this city last night to see Billy Kenny, the ex-ambrose champion of the United States, and John Callaghan, of New Castle-on-Tyne, fight to a finish with skin gloves. Callaghan was not known over here and Kenny was the favorite at 100 to 80. Billy Dacey and Joe Early seconded Callaghan and Bill Dunn and Tommy Warren backed Kenny's corner. Kenny was the best of the two. Callaghan's wind did his best to reach Callaghan's wind in the first round, but Callaghan showed himself to be a clever dodger and kept out of the way. In the second round Kenny tried the same tactics and was met by a couple of right-hand jolts, both of which put him through the ropes. The second punch on Kenny's neck was delivered two minutes and fifty-two seconds after the start of the round, so when the ten seconds were up Kenny had not yet fought a round. In other words the call of time saved him, but he had to be carried to his corner. In the third round Kenny came out weak and Callaghan went for him. Callaghan got in one right-hand punch on the jaw and Kenny went to sleep for good and all. Jimmy Carroll, the Brooklyn middleweight, was referee.

## DIED BY THE DYNAMO.

ANOTHER NEW YORK MURDERER SHOCKED TO DEATH.

Sent by Wire to That Bourne From Which No Assassin Returns—The Latest Electrocution Pronounced a Success.

SING SING, N. Y., Dec. 8.—The scenes at the execution by electricity of Martin D. Lopp, the New York wife murderer, in Sing Sing prison, yesterday, were a repetition of those which occurred at the execution of the four murderers in the same place in July last. The condemned man met his fate bravely and without apparent suffering. Three shocks were administered and Lopp pronounced death six minutes after he was placed in the chair. The voltage used in this instance was from 1,700 to 1,750, as against 1,500 used in July. The total period of contact was from 49 to 50 seconds, the difference being caused by vibration of the battery. The shock was administered at one minute to 13 and at 12.95 the warden ordered one of the guards to run up the flag pronouncing to the outside world the tragic event had been accomplished.

The witnesses were Dr. Carlos McDonald, state commissioner of lunacy; Professor Louis A. Laudy, of Columbia college; Dr. Samuel B. Ward, of Albany; E. A. Brown, state prison purchasing agent; the Rev. Sidney G. Law, chaplain of the Tombs prison, New York City; the Rev. Silas W. Edgerton, chaplain of Sing Sing prison; Deputy Coroner W. B. Jenkins, of New York City; Dr. F. V. Gessner, of Greenport; Long Island; Dr. Brill, of Brooklyn; E. F. Davis, of New York; Dr. Evans, of Schenley, New York; Dr. W. E. Douglas, of Middletown, N. Y.; Dr. J. F. Eason, Danmora prison; Dr. H. H. Kingston, Bellevue hospital, New York City; Dr. Hiram Barlow, Sing Sing; M. G. Ellison, residence unknown, and Drs. Kingston and Ely, of Newburg.

Secrecy of the Strictest Order.

Warden Brown had adopted every possible precaution to prevent the newspaper men from gaining access to them before they entered the prison, and this precaution was kept up after the execution. But from statements made by the witnesses and by Warden Brown himself the following story of what occurred in the execution chamber was gleaned: The first officer who entered that Lopp had of his rapidly approaching end was when Warden Brown entered his cell at 6 o'clock Sunday night and read the death warrant to him. "When am I to die?" the condemned man asked anxiously.

"The law does not permit me to tell you that," replied the warden, "but you may look for it at any moment."

Lopp gave a slight sigh and walked back to his bed and threw himself down, apparently perfectly resigned. Keepers Baker and McLean watched with him during the night. He made no reference to his approaching end and slept soundly after 11 o'clock. When awakened, a little after 6, he ate a light breakfast, read a few chapters in the Bible and talked with Keeper Dernbecker, who acted as death watch during the day.

The March Toward the Death Chair.

Meanwhile the warden had assembled the witnesses in the prison yard and 15 minutes of 12 they marched in double file, headed by the warden, through the passage way of the death chamber. The chair was already in position, the dynamo was in full working order and the electrodes were ready to be applied to their proper position on the temple and calf of the man who was to be killed. When the witnesses had grouped themselves, Head-keeper Connaughton, accompanied by Keepers Ford and Neill, entered Lopp's cell.

"We want you now," said Mr. Connaughton, pleasantly. Lopp looked up and replied in the same tone "All right, I'm ready." Chaplain Law and Edgerton rose from their knees as the condemned man said this and each grasped his arm. Then the solemn procession to the death chamber commenced. As Lopp entered the room his eyes fell upon the death chair and he gave a slight convulsive sigh. This, however, was the only show of hesitation that he evinced during the entire proceedings. He bowed rather awkwardly to the warden, who motioned toward the chair and said: "Sit down Lopp." The man obeyed and the keepers knelt and began to adjust the straps.

Preparing for the Awful Current.

The left leg of his trousers had been slit and on the calf underneath one of the electrodes was placed the straps, also the legs, chest, abdomen and arms were quickly adjusted; the cap containing the electrodes for the temples was lowered and placed in position, the mask drawn over his face, and the guard stepped back and let him alone. While this was going on another guard with a long-necked oil can, filled with salt water, saturated the electrodes. When he stepped back, Dr. McDonald looked closely at the electrodes and raised his right hand. Electrician Davis, with a downward motion, closed the switch. This caused a rasping sound, which was the signal for the man in the box to turn on the current. Instantly Lopp stiffened and strained and tugged at the straps as though to burst them. When Dr. McDonald's watch had ticked off sixteen seconds the switch was thrown open and the body collapsed, as in previous instances. The air from the dead man's lungs escaped with a rushing sound and a white foam flecked his lips. At the end of a half minute Dr. McDonald again raised his hand and again the body stiffened. This time the current was left on eighteen seconds. The third time it was applied and allowed to work its will for fifteen to sixteen seconds. Then the dynamo was stopped and the physician approached to make an examination. When they had pronounced him dead, Lopp's body was removed to the autopsy room and the witnesses went into the warden's parlor. Before leaving the chamber Warden Brown glanced at the volt meter and found that it registered from 1,700 to 1,750 volts.

Lopp's Body Slightly Scorched.

When the electrodes were removed from Lopp's body it was discovered that the flesh was scalded on the temples, the cheeks, about the eyes and around the ears. The same bluish marks were visible on the back of the neck and on the chest and abdomen that have been

found in all previous cases. The skin on the calf at the point of contact with the lower electrode was badly abraded, leaving a mark like an ugly burn.

As soon as the execution was over the witnesses began to leave the prison. Chaplain Edgerton was the first to come out and upon being questioned concerning the execution said that it resembled in every particular those which he had witnessed in July. Asked if there were three contacts he simply repeated his previous statement. Each witness as he emerged from the prison was followed to the depot and questioned by the newspaper men.

Announced a Success.

Dr. McDonald said: "I consider this execution even more successful than the last. There were three contacts. I am not permitted to say any more." The Rev. Mr. Law told how he had conducted Lopp from his cell to the death chamber, and added: "He bore himself in as Christian-like and unobtrusive a manner as any man I ever saw. There was nothing repulsive in the scene."

Dr. Ward said: "This execution was conducted precisely as the others were, except that the voltage was increased. The other witnesses either declined to talk at all or added nothing to which was said by those who have been quoted. After all the witnesses left the prison, Warden Brown admitted the newspaper men and gave them the exact figures as to the voltage and aggregate time of contact but declined to say how many shocks there had been. We find the increased voltage preferable," said he, "and I shall admit increasing it to 2,500 or 3,000 in the future. Our increased boiler capacity will enable us to do this and I think it may help matters somewhat."

Echo of the Field Failure.

TIFFIN, O., Dec. 8.—A suit was begun in the common pleas court, of this county, to attach the interests of Edward M. Field and Daniel A. Lindley, of New York City, in the Highland park, in this city. The suit is brought by Thomas B. Williams and William B. Williams, doing business in New York as Van Dyck and Williams, and is to secure a claim of \$7,975.17 against the Tiffin Street Railway company, who own the property, and of which company Mr. Lindley is president, Thomas B. Williams secretary and treasurer, and the other large stockholders. The failure of Field, Lindley & Co. caused the attachment to be made.

A Leprous Laundryman.

PEORIA, Ill., Dec. 8.—A Chinaman named Sun Hong recently left Peoria, Ill., for Chicago. He was afflicted with leprosy in an advanced stage. The fact that the leprosy Chinaman operated a laundry for several months has caused a decided sensation, and people who had work done at his shop have destroyed the garments. Inquiry at the depots shows that a Chinaman answering the description went to Chicago four days ago and the authorities here will ask the officers at Chicago to continue the search.

She Will Have Millions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—It is rumored that Miss Florence Blythe, who will get the lion's share of the \$5,000,000 estate of old Thomas Blythe will marry Charles Koenig, son of a rich local merchant. Koenig says they are only good friends, but many circumstances bear out the rumor. They met last summer at a "Profess" Denton, a mysterious crank, who has long been known in this vicinity. The identification is scouted by Inspector Byrnes who knows Denton well.

An Alleged Robber Becomes Inmate.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 8.—W. H. Rockman, the young brakeman awaiting the action of the grand jury for a charge of robbery, has become inmate. Sheriff Burbank notified the young man's father, who is a prominent railroad official at Port Henry, N. Y.

Baron Lagerfelt Stole \$100,000.

STEUBENVILLE, O., Dec. 8.—It is said that Baron Lagerfelt, who skipped from Pittsburgh, got away with over \$100,000. A resident of this city acknowledges that he holds over \$40,000 worth of Lagerfelt's worthless papers.

Weather Forecast.

For Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia: Fair Tuesday; a cold, stormy day Wednesday; temperature; warmer Wednesday.

WIRE WAIFS.

The United States training ship Monaghan has sailed from Gibraltar for the West Indies.

Hopes for the Nicaragua canal is revived along the line of that ditch, owing to the Chilean complications.

The opposition to Selvas, the newly-elected president of Honduras, is becoming more and more active.

The head of Hiram Sawtelle has been found in a mound at a point indicated by his brother Isaac, who killed him.

The capital stock of the Anaconda mine will be increased from \$12,500,000 to \$25,000,000 to cancel its mortgage bondage.

Rumored at Lima, Peru, that in case of war with Chili, the United States would support Peru, and that it would be easy to form an alliance with Bolivia.

Governor Hogg, of Texas, has offered a reward of \$100 for each of the men who recently tarred and feathered H. J. Dean, the alleged correspondent of the Kansas City Sun.

President Diaz, of Mexico, will name committee of confirmation in the prison chapel at the hands of Bishop O'Farrell, of Trenton. Between 500 and 600 convicts attended the ceremony. The men who were confirmed wore white shirts and black trousers, while the others wore the regulation prison garb, some carrying a ball and chain.

Killed by a Hog.

WARREN, Ind., Dec. 8.—A large boar in a drove of hogs, which John McClurg, of Rock Creek township, Huntington county, was feeding, rushed at that gentleman, knocked him down and sank its tusks deep into his neck. The carotid artery was torn, and almost before friends, who heard his screams, reached him he had bled to death. Mr. McClurg was 62 years of age, and an old resident of Huntington county.

Both of His Legs Cut Off.

YONGSTOWN, Dec. 8.—Thomas Hart of Cortland, O., in attempting to catch a train at Struthers to return home, was caught on a trestle by a switch engine. Both of his legs were cut off and he was thrown from the trestle. He was brought here to a hospital and may recover. He is 22 years old and is a blacksmith by trade.

## MARRIED A MONGOLIAN.

A Talented Boston Girl Weds the Chinaman of Her Choice.

BOSTON, Dec. 9.—A full-blooded Chinaman and a talented Boston girl were married at Chelsea. The groom was Toy Lee, a finely educated missionary, and the bride was Miss Martha A. Comstock, a teacher of drawing in the Charlestown schools and an enthusiastic worker among the Chinese. She is a very pleasant and energetic lady, and her husband is a remarkably bright and intelligent man, brimful of American ideas. He is a ready speaker, and at a reception given by the Chinese scholars to their teachers at the Chelsea church, a week ago, he made an address which surprised those who heard it by its fluency. Mr. Lee has been in Boston almost three years. When Miss Comstock first saw Mr. Lee, she was attending a meeting and heard him make an address. It was love at first sight. She has been engaged for some time in conducting a class of Chinese pupils in connection with the Sunday school maintained by the Charlestown Y. M. C. A. and it was in this work that she and Toy Lee first formed the acquaintance, three years ago, that has led to their marriage.

Her Story Too Suspicious.

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Dec. 9.—A resident of a small mining camp, known as Fosters Bar, named Signorette, attempted suicide a few days ago by attending strychnine. The poison not acting fast enough he asked his wife to put an end to his sufferings, according to her story, by shooting him. She did so, and subsequently notified a neighbor of his death and asked him to help her cremate the body. The latter refused and notified the authorities. She has been arrested.

Stole His Wife.

MUNCE, Dec. 9.—Shepherd Faulkner, the bigamist, who has created quite a sensation in this city by living with two wives, one from Covington, this state, with one child, and the other with seven children, from Illinois, has added to his checkered career by abducting wife No. 2 and babe Sunday morning from the county infirmary. Faulkner in his stratagetic episode used a 10-foot ladder in order to get his wife from the second-story window.

Ladies After the Saloonists.

ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 9.—The ladies of the W. C. T. U. of this county are making it very warm for the saloon men, who are applicants for licenses before the board of commissioners. Six remonstrances are filed against as many applicants, and the saloon men are scared to death. The ladies claim they are in the fight to win, and they propose to do it.

An Ohio Illegal Liquor Seller.

ALLIANCE, Dec. 9.—Charles Fauble, a saloon keeper of Washington township, pleaded guilty of violating the township local option feature of the Dow law. Judge Faucett sentenced him to pay a fine of \$500 and in addition serve thirty days in the county jail. This sentence is the extreme limit of the law. The Law and Order league is jubilant.

Races at Gutterburg.

GUTTENBURG, N. J., Dec. 9.—First race, four and one-half furlongs—Go Lucky 1, Mike Watson 2, Sturges 3. Time, 0:50. Second race, six and one-half furlongs—Daisy 1, Peril 2, Onaway 3. Time, 1:24. Third race, five furlongs—Basil Duke 1, Early Blossom 2, Mike 3. Time, 1:08. Fourth race, eight and one-half furlongs—Blitzen 1, Now or Never 2, Mitt Young 3. Time, 1:56. Fifth race, six furlongs—Paragon 1, Mollie Davis 2, Tammany Hall 3. Time, 1:29. Sixth race, seven-eighths of a mile—Sir George II 1, Gloster 2, Warduke 3. Time, 1:34.

Races at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—First race, three-fourths of a mile—First Lay 1, Diamond Dick 2, Red Stone 3. Time, 1:23. Second race, five-eighths of a mile—Katuska 1, Hannah Moberly 2, Cruikshank 3. Time, 1:08. Third race, one mile—Daster 1, Quotation 2, Wheeler 3. Time, 1:40. Fourth race, five-eighths of a mile—Critt 1, Glenoid 2, Promise 3. Time, 1:05. Fifth race, five-eighths of a mile—Fred Knox 1, Sorfin 2, Johnnie Greener 3. Time, 1:09.4.

Athletic Sports on Horseback.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—What promises to be a novel and unusually interesting event will take place at Dickel's Riding academy Saturday evening. Dickel will be a set of athletic games in which the competitors will ride horses. The affair is being arranged by Troop A Athletic association, and the large list of entries indicates that rare sport is in prospect. Among the events will be a tug of war on horseback, for which four teams have been entered.

Captured a New Catcher.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 9.—Manager A. C. Buckenberger, of the Pittsburghs, arrived here yesterday and signed Charles Grimm to play in Pittsburgh next season. Grimm caught for Milwaukee last year.

Cincinnati Cattle Market.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 8.—HOGS—Market strong; common, \$3.25@3.50; fair to good light, \$3.85 to \$4.00; \$4.00@4.25; select butchers, \$4.35 to \$4.50; receipts, 8,221 head; shipments, 1,421 head.

CATTLE—Market good; common, \$1.95 to 2.00; good to choice, \$2.05@2.20; receipts, 425 head; shipments, 421 head.

Weather Forecast.

For Western Pennsylvania, Eastern Ohio and West Virginia: Warmer; fair weather; southwesterly winds, increasing in force.

WIRE WAIFS.

A Baltimore lecturer advances the idea that Satan had red hair.

Twenty-nine states have enacted laws resembling the Australian ballot law.

The English court will go into mourning for the late Don Pedro for one month.

All of the officials implicated in the Cheyenne agency frauds are reported suspended.

The pope anticipated France's warning and instructed the papal nuncio in Paris to disavow the present action of the French bishops in the affair of the archbishop of Aix.

Sir Roderick Cameron, of New York, has been appointed as resident commissioner for the colony of New South Wales to the World's Columbian exposition in Chicago.

## THE NEW CONGRESS.

THE GAVEL PLACED IN THE HANDS OF CRISP.

The House Organized Amid Great Rejoicing—Dubois and Call Sworn in by the Senate, and Contest Papers Referred to a Committee.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—The session of the house yesterday was consumed in its organization and in disposing of routine matters necessitated by the new administration. After Clerk McPherson had called the members to order Mr. Crisp was elected speaker, his opponents being ex-Speaker Reed and Mr. Watson, of Georgia, the candidate of the Farmers' Alliance.

Mr. Reed and Mr. Mills escorted the new speaker to the chair amid great cheering and hand-clapping, and Mr. Crisp delivered a little speech of thanks for the honor conferred on him. The oath of office was then administered by Mr. Holman, of Indiana. In accordance with the action of the Democratic caucus Monday night James Kerr, of Pennsylvania, was elected clerk of the house; Samuel S. Yoder, of Ohio, sergeant-at-arms; Charles H. Turner, of New York, clerk of the yeas and nays; William H. Milburn, of Illinois, chaplain. The Republicans gave their complimentary vote to the officers of the last house. After committees had been appointed, the speaker called to order and the senate of the organization of the house, and members had selected their seats by lot, the house adjourned.

Senators at Work.

The only interesting business transacted in the senate yesterday, was the seating of Senators Call, of Florida, and Dubois, of Idaho, pending the consideration of their cases by the committee on privileges and elections. The senate rather expected to receive the president's message and sat patiently waiting the return of the joint committee sent to the White house, until apprised that the house had adjourned without waiting for the message, whereupon the senate followed suit.

WORK FOR THE SPEAKER.

Forecast of the Probable Formation of the Various House Committees.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—As soon as the speakership contest had been settled the members began to speculate as to the probable formation of the house committees. The chief competitor of Mr. Crisp for the speakership, the chairmanship of the ways and means committee will probably be again offered to the Texas member, though if some of the ardent supporters of the successful candidate could have their way, they would recommend the appointment of a northern man as the head of the most important committee of the house. It is generally conceded that Messrs. McMillin of Tennessee, Brockbridge of Arkansas, and Turner of Virginia, and Turner of Georgia will be the southern men likely to in part compose the ways and means committee, but it is possible that one of these may be dropped should Mr. Mills become speaker. As Mr. Mills was the chief competitor of Mr. Crisp for the speakership, the chairmanship of the ways and means committee will probably be again offered to the Texas member, though if some of the ardent supporters of the successful candidate could have their way, they would recommend the appointment of a northern man as the head of the most important committee of the house. It is generally conceded that Messrs. McMillin of Tennessee, Brockbridge of Arkansas, and Turner of Virginia, and Turner of Georgia will be the southern men likely to in part compose the ways and means committee, but it is possible that one of these may be dropped should Mr. Mills become speaker. As Mr. Mills was the chief competitor of Mr. Crisp for the speakership, the chairmanship of the ways and means committee will probably be again offered to the Texas member, though if some of the ardent supporters of the successful candidate could have their way, they would recommend the appointment of a northern man as the head of the most important committee of the house. It is generally conceded that Messrs. McMillin of Tennessee, Brockbridge of Arkansas, and Turner of Virginia, and Turner of Georgia will be the southern men likely to in part compose the ways and means committee, but it is possible that one of these may be dropped should Mr. Mills become speaker. As Mr. Mills was the chief competitor of Mr. Crisp for the speakership, the chairmanship of the ways and means committee will probably be again offered to the Texas member, though if some of the ardent supporters of the successful candidate could have their way, they would recommend the appointment of a northern man as the head of the most important committee of the house. It is generally conceded that Messrs. McMillin of Tennessee, Brockbridge of Arkansas, and Turner of Virginia, and Turner of Georgia will be the southern men likely to in part compose the ways and means committee, but it is possible that one of these may be dropped should Mr. Mills become speaker. As Mr. Mills was the chief competitor of Mr. Crisp for the speakership, the chairmanship of the ways and means committee will probably be again offered to the Texas member, though if some of the ardent supporters of the successful candidate could have their way, they would recommend the appointment of a northern man as the head of the most important committee of the house. It is generally conceded that Messrs. McMillin of Tennessee, Brockbridge of Arkansas, and Turner of Virginia, and Turner of Georgia will be the southern men likely to in part compose the ways and means committee, but it is possible that one of these may be dropped should Mr. Mills become speaker. As Mr. Mills was the chief competitor of Mr. Crisp for the speakership, the chairmanship of the ways and means committee will probably be again offered to the Texas member, though if some of the ardent supporters of the successful candidate could have their way, they would recommend the appointment of a northern man as the head of the most important committee of the house. It is generally conceded that Messrs. McMillin of Tennessee, Brockbridge of Arkansas, and Turner of Virginia, and Turner of Georgia will be the southern men likely to in part compose the ways and means committee, but it is possible that one of these may be dropped should Mr. Mills become speaker. As Mr. Mills was the chief competitor of Mr. Crisp for the speakership, the chairmanship of the ways and means committee will probably be again offered to the Texas member, though if some of the ardent supporters of the successful candidate could have their way, they would